



*Representative*

**Hans Dunshee**

## 2004 Session Report

44th District

Dear neighbors,

When people walk up and talk to me at Safeway or the hardware store, they're worried about the future — about their job getting shipped overseas, their retired dad not being able to pay for his heart pills anymore or their kids being able to get into a good college.

They are disgusted when politicians offer them hope only to find out it's just the same empty promises.

I believe we can't keep doing things the same old way. Creating jobs means winning a race to the top with new ideas and new technology.

The choices are clear:

- **Education and jobs:** (a) Give our kids the best education so they win the best jobs vs. (b) a mediocre education while our best jobs get shipped overseas.
- **Health care:** (a) Make sure everybody has affordable health care vs. (b) higher costs until only the fat cats have health coverage.
- **Environment:** (a) Protect our old forests and keep water clean for our kids and grandkids vs. (b) clear-cut our old-growth trees and pollute lakes and rivers for short-term profits.

I'm interested in what you think. Inside, you'll find a short survey. I look forward to reading your thoughts and ideas.

It's an honor and a privilege to serve as your representative, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

REP. HANS DUNSHEE  
44<sup>th</sup> District

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## Building a better Washington

### *How can we make this a better place to live, work and raise a family?*

We're in a global race for the best jobs. We have to win a race to the top, not to the bottom — there's no way we can compete with Third World countries that pay pennies on the hour and are so desperate for cash they're making a business of importing toxic waste.

Washington state has thrived making the best airplanes and best software in the world. Winning the race to the top means:

- creating new jobs through targeted help for new technology;
- giving our kids the best education in the world, so they can get the best jobs;
- having the best health care system and the best transportation system; and
- protecting our forests and wildlife to protect the quality place we live that brings people with new ideas and new technology to our area.

## Keeping in touch

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# Education

*To give our kids the best jobs in the world, they need the best education. That takes uncrowded schools, the best teachers and active, involved parents.*

## Building schools

*Too many of our kids are trying to learn in broom closets, crumbling buildings or trailers instead of real classrooms.*

As chair of the state construction budget, I reversed the trend of less support from the state for schools. For the first time in 20 years, I increased the state share of money for schools.

For example, taxpayers in Snohomish will save \$2 million if the bond for the second high school passes.

## Building colleges

In 2008, the biggest class of high school seniors in our state's history graduates and will come knocking at UW and other colleges, and unless we make more space in lecture halls and labs, those kids will be told sorry, there's no room for you.

## We can do better for our kids.

I put \$117 million in the state construction budget to build new lecture halls and labs at local colleges and universities, and I voted for a budget that funds space for 3,000 more college students. But this isn't enough. We need to do more next year to make sure every student gets a chance to earn a college degree so they get the best jobs – not workers from overseas.

## Teacher strikes

*Our area has suffered four teacher strikes in the last five years.*

I'm the husband of a local teacher who has a daughter in public schools. I think we all agree it's better to prevent teacher strikes than have another big one like the Marysville strike, the longest in our state's history.

The enemies of public schools win when we have conflict and chaos in our schools. The only solution that's fair to teachers, students and schools is to give teachers the same respect as firefighters and police officers. I will continue to try to bring this sensible solution to our classrooms.



If teachers had binding arbitration, school boards couldn't refuse to come to the bargaining table – as the Marysville school board did.

Education is an essential service just like firefighting and police protection, and teachers deserve the same respect.

## The Apple Award

This is a new idea to reward students at the four schools in our state that make the biggest gains on the statewide tests.

Each school gets \$25,000 in capital budget money, and the kids – not the adults – decide what to build. Maybe a new addition to the school library or a playground. Visit the DoSomething.org site to see how this idea works elsewhere.

Whatever they build will last for generations and it'll be something they can see and remember when they have kids of their own in school.



*It's a pleasure to sponsor local students like Lindsey Eaton to serve as pages at the House of Representatives.*

*Visit [www.leg.wa.gov/house/hadm/pageintern.htm](http://www.leg.wa.gov/house/hadm/pageintern.htm) to learn more about the high school page program and our college internships.*



# Creating jobs

## Offshoring

Should the state spend your tax dollars sending American jobs overseas? That's what happens today. I voted to stop using your taxes to subsidize offshoring American jobs. Senate Republicans refused to allow a vote. I will keep working because this is a fight for American jobs here for American workers.



## Results, not rhetoric

You get things done by putting people in hard hats to work pouring concrete to build new schools and colleges, parks and playgrounds.

Here are some local projects that create jobs through new ideas:

- **Aerospace Training Center** – We're building this in Snohomish County to train the next generation of aircraft workers. Senate Republicans were against this project; we in the House fought to save it, and we won.
- **Biogas plant** – By transferring unwanted property at the Monroe prison, I kick-started a project supported by farmers, environmentalists and business advocates. It will turn cow manure into usable energy in a new high-tech plant that creates at least 100 jobs, cuts local power costs and protects our rivers from pollution.
- **Transportation projects** – We sped up the extension of new lanes to 41<sup>st</sup> in Everett. When the bottleneck at SR 2 and I-5 is fixed this should solve a lot of congestion.

# Prescription medicines from Canada

Taxpayers could save \$300 million a year if we passed this reform. Already, thousands of seniors are taking bus trips to Canada so they can afford their heart pills and medicines.



## Tax break for senior citizens

I voted to give more seniors a break on their property taxes. This is the right thing to do, since seniors are on fixed incomes while housing prices – and property taxes – keep going up.

## Lake Stevens Boys and Girls Club

The community of Lake Stevens really should get credit for raising money for a new Boys and Girls Club. I am honored to help by securing \$350,000 in state money to finish the project. The club will build a better community and give kids a safe and secure place to spend their time. Good job, Lake Stevens.

# Protecting the environment

## Old growth forests

I fought and got language in the capital budget to protect old growth forests – trees older than 160 years, trees that were around decades before Washington became a state.

We must protect the little old growth we have left. Our ancient forests are part of the reason tourism brings jobs to our state. It is also why many of us live here.

For jobs in the woods and more revenue for schools, we must use new ideas and new technologies to produce higher value 2nd growth trees to use for furniture and trim instead of low value 2x4s and toilet paper.



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# Town Hall Meetings

**Thursday, May 20**

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Everett  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
9320 Meadow Way

**Saturday, May 22**

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Mill Creek  
Mill Creek City Council Chambers  
15728 Mill Creek Blvd

**Saturday, May 22**

Noon to 2 p.m. in Snohomish  
City of Snohomish PUD Auditorium  
807 Rainier St.

## What do you think?

I have read every survey you have sent me over the last two years. I try to respond to everyone who writes, e-mails or calls. I don't hire professional pollsters – I write these myself to find out what you think.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the last two years. I'm interested in what you think.

**You get to grade me now,  
just like in school**  
A, B, C, D or F. \_\_\_\_\_

**What do you think the Legislature  
did right this year? And where did  
lawmakers go wrong?**

**What grade would you give  
the Legislature?**  
On schools? \_\_\_\_\_  
How about jobs? \_\_\_\_\_  
Health care? \_\_\_\_\_  
The environment? \_\_\_\_\_

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**What grade would you give  
the Governor?** \_\_\_\_\_

**The House  
(controlled by Democrats)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Senate  
(controlled by Republicans)?** \_\_\_\_\_

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